

State Dept
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Intelligence)

SUBJECT : Reduction in Military Attaches

The following paragraph from the report of the Senate Appropriations Committee on the Defense Department appropriation will be of interest to you.

"The attention of the Department of Defense is directed to the recommendations made by Senator Allen J. Ellender who, as a special subcommittee of the Senate Appropriations Committee, investigated the assignment of military attaches to United States diplomatic posts abroad. Senator Ellender recommended the limitation, where possible, of assignment of military reporting functions to a single service attache, with net savings being realized in salaries, living allowances, and other items. The committee has been advised by the Department of Defense that staff studies on this subject are virtually completed and that definite curtailment of attache personnel strength may be brought about without impairment of proper functions. The committee, therefore expects that the Department will effectuate Senator Ellender's recommendations with a view to early accomplishment of substantial economies."

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